

Landowners: Are you ready to Rent Farmland or Garden Space?

Landowners's checklist

- You have a clear idea about what exactly you are interested in renting to a grower and you are willing to set clear boundaries.
 - You understand what you want from a grower and what you don't. You have clear expectations you share with the grower.
- You have agreed to a clear plan of compensation for the use of your land.
- You are prepared to have a written lease
- You have done due diligence with the grower and checked references.
 - Finding a tenant is similar to a job interview.

What to expect from a vegetable farmer

Impact of a Vegetable Farm

- Farmer will likely:
 - **Build Deer fence**, 8' tall to protect crop. It is not possible to grow vegetables without this in Western PA.
 - **Need irrigation water**. While its possible to grow vegetables without water, it would double yields to irrigate crops. Water can be: house hose spigot, frost free faucet, pond, or stream.
 - **Need tool storage**, if farm operation if large enough, will likely need to build a shed, or rent space in an existing shed.
 - Be on farm on a daily basis during the growing season.
- Farmer will also need the following. However these activities can take place at a separate space or the farmer's house.
 - **Area to wash and store vegetables**
 - **Area to start seeds.**